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## THE ANTI-BEAM TRAWL MEN MET

A meeting of representatives of the anti-beam trawling committees from this port, Boston and Provincetown was held at Boston yesterday afternoon. Those attending were Capt. Albert Watson, Capt. H. Dexter Malone and Fred Robinson from Boston, Capt. Phillip P. Manter from Provincetown and Capt. Henry N. Atwood, chairman, Richard W. Freeman, secretary, and Capt. Carl C. Young of the local committee.

The progress which the committee has made to date was reviewed with much satisfaction and plans for continuing the work were discussed and the various details arranged.

Encouraging reports were received from the representatives present, showing that the various interests are united in their support of the movement begun to eradicate the beam trawler.

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### Sighted Wreckage.

The schooner Moonlight, New York to Calais with coal, arrived at Portland yesterday having sustained some damage to her sails during the storm. The captain reported that off Boon Island he sighted the house of a schooner, low down in the water, but had no way to identify it.

### The Week's Receipts at T Wharf.

Receipts of fresh fish at Boston for the week ending December 27 were 1,166,600 pounds from 50 arrivals against 1,391,300 pounds from 70 arrivals for the corresponding period last year.

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## FRESH HALIBUT 51 CTS. POUND

**The Highest Price on Record  
Was Reached at T Wharf  
This Morning.**

The highest price ever brought for a single lot of halibut was paid at T wharf this morning, when 34 pounds from sch. W.M. Goodspeed sold for 51 cents a pound right through.

While halibut was scarce, the dealers also had no great abundance of groundfish to buy from, just nine fares being on hand for the opening trade of the week.

The largest trip was that of sch. Ethel B. Penny from the Cape Shore with 51,000 pounds. Other arrivals were schs. Mary Emerson, 20,000 pounds; W. M. Goodspeed, 6000 pounds; Margaret Dillon, 4200 pounds; Elizabeth W. Numan, 12,500 pounds; Sadie M. Numan, 10,600 pounds; James and Esther, 8500 pounds; William H. Reed, 5000 pounds; Wodan, 1200 pounds.

Haddock sold from \$2.50 a hundred for old fish to \$7.50 for shore fish, large cod, \$6.30 to \$7.50; market cod, \$2.80 to \$5; hake, \$2 to \$7.50; pollock, \$3; cusk, \$2.50.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 5500 haddock, 500 cod, 3400 halibut.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 4000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Numan, 5000 haddock, 2500 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Sadie M. Numan, 3500 haddock, 2700 cod, 4400 hake.

Sch. James and Esther, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. William H. Reed, 5000 cod.

Sch. Wodan, 1200 cod.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 10,000 cod, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 35,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 6000 hake.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$7.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$6.30 to \$7.50; market cod, \$2.80 to \$5; hake, \$2 to \$7.50; pollock, \$3; cusk, \$2.50; halibut, 51 cents for white and gray.

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## DRIVEN OFF BY HEAVY GALES

**Sch. Athlete Had Long and  
Hard Passage to the  
Home Port.**

Buffeted by head winds and driven off her course to St. Peter's Bank, sch. Athlete, Capt. Charles Daley, arrived here yesterday from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a full load of salt and pickled herring.

The Athlete was 15 days on her passage home and encountered rough weather all the way. Notwithstanding the severity of weather, she came through it without damage.

The only other off shore arrival here this morning is sch. Eglantine from a deck handlining trip to the eastward with 7000 pounds of salt cod.

The heavy blow of Saturday kept the fleet of gill netters in port. Yesterday quite a bunch of the boats were out, but no real large fares were landed. The day's receipts were for the most part pollock, with a few haddock and cod. Practically the entire receipts of the day were boxed and shipped fresh to Boston for today's market.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Eglantine, eastern deck handlining, 7000 lbs. salt cod.

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Scout, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Anna T., gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary L., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Little Fannie, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Harold, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bessie M. Dugan, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Bethulia, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Athlete, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1340 bbls. salt herring, 125 bbls. pickled herring.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.

Sch. Adeline, haddocking.

Sch. Harriett, haddocking.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Manomet, haddocking.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Quannapowitt, halibuting.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.25, medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2 snappers, \$2.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Dory handlining codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.12 1-2; snappers, \$3.50.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Drift codfish, large, \$4.25; mediums, \$3.62 1-2.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Large salt mackerel, \$25 per bbl.

Fledged halibut, 10c per lb.

Salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.

Pickled herring, \$4.50 per bbl.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.  
Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c; round 90c.

Bank halibut, 17c lb. for white and for gray.

Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl. for salt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

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## JOLLY SKIPPER OF QUODDY BAY

**Capt. Simon Brown Has Been  
a Trawl Fisherman for  
75 Years.**

Capt. Simon Brown, a unique Canadian sea captain, makes his home at Wilson Beach, Campobello Island, N. B., four miles across Passamaquoddy Bay from Eastport, Me., and is a frequent visitor at Eastport. Capt. Brown was born at the above Dominion settlement 85 years ago and has enjoyed excellent health. During all his years of strenuous toiling and exposure in the small fishing crafts about Passamaquoddy Bay and the Bay of Fundy, he has followed up line and trawl fishing for more than three-quarters of a century in all kinds of rough and stormy weather, and is yet engaged in this kind of hard work.

Capt. Brown began his life on the salt water at the age of 9 years, and 10 years later he was making deep sea trips to all parts of the coast. He has never used tobacco in any form; never had a pipe in his mouth, and says that abstaining from tobacco has no doubt prolonged his years and kept him in the best of health.

Capt. Brown claims that he has solved the secret of keeping young and healthy, and the elixir of life is ordinary sea water. He has bathed in this salt water since his earliest years, has been overboard on many occasions, even during the coldest days of the winter, when he was obliged to swim for his life.

Capt. Brown is 5 feet, 2 inches in height, weighs 142 pounds, and has rarely weighed over 150 pounds. He considers the smaller sized men better able to withstand the hardships and live longer than those who are of larger frame and fleshy. He has good eyesight, in fact, says he has never worn a pair of glasses; is robust, strong and active, and would easily be taken for a man of middle age.

The jolly skipper of Quoddy Bay has three sons, five daughters and a large number of grandchildren. He has at his home on the above Canadian island two handsome china vases which he picked up adrift in the St. Lawrence River, following the wreck of a large steamer 59 years ago, when he was making a sea voyage.

### Had Heavy Weather.

Sch. Olga, Capt. Robert Diggins, arrived at Halifax Friday for repairs. She has on board 325,000 pounds of salt cod and 50 barrels of herring. The Olga left Bonne Bay, N. F., for Gloucester via Sydney. On her way from Sydney she met with extraordinary bad weather, the consequence being that her foreboom was broken and her canvas damaged. A new boom will be installed, and then she will leave for this port.

### Tried Her New Engines.

Sch. Quannapowitt was out yesterday on a trial trip to test her new and powerful engines, for which the motive force is oil.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Pontiac was reported arriving at Halifax Thursday last, and cleared.

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## NEWFOUNDLAND NEWS.

Herring are reported unusually plentiful at North and Middle Arms. There was also a good sign of these fish at Bonne Bay.

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## NEWS FOR THE LAKE FISHERS

The Dunkirk, N. Y., fish boats says the Fishing Gazette, brought in more than 10 tons of herring Tuesday. The catches have been unusually good for a few days and a continuance is expected till the cold weather ends the season. The tug John Desmond had the largest haul, 400 pounds; the Dunkirk had 4500; the Viola, 5500; Uncle, 2000, and the Arrow, 2000. The Alfred S., fishing for C. J. Alexander, had 3500.

Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 18.—All fishermen are pulling in their nets owing to the cold season being on. The banner catch of Menominee this fall was made by the Consolidated Fish Company, Frank Spencer, captain, being a lift of nearly one ton.

Burt Holt purchased a second hand fish tug this week from Captain Wood, of Cleveland.

The launch Windsor burned down to the water edge and sunk, a week ago Sunday. She was owned by Fred Dunford and was used as a fish boat.

The Consolidated Fisheries increased their capital to \$10,000. They expect to put two more tugs on the coming season, one being a 65-foot steam tug.

Capt. Jim Smith went to Gloucester for the haddock fishing. He reports great catches so far.

Menominee, Mich., Dec. 17.—The last blow from the West put all pound netters on the east shore out of commission. The ice which forked tipped over the twine and in many cases took stake and all towards the beach. Fishermen will save the twine, but many stakes are rendered worthless on account of the action of the ice. Salt fish are moving slow. Local dealers offering \$2.35 delivered for herring, but most of the fishermen still holding for higher prices. The Dormer Fish Company laid off a big share of their crew on account of the dullness of trade. The catch this year, coupled with the fact that a big block of last year's catch is being held over, all tends toward a low price, and no advance is expected unless conditions change suddenly for the better. Fresh fish are scarce, about the only thing being offered being mullett and suckers. The Menekaunee fleet has left for Ford River, Mich., to engage in trout and whitefish netting, the Michigan season having opened on the 15th. Only the large steam tug undertook the journey, as the ice is reported to be drifting in that locality. What few frozen herring were taken in have been disposed of, and local dealers have little or nothing to offer in that line at present.

Huron, Ohio Dec. 14.—Fishing is over at this end of the lake, all the nets are out of the lake and placed in the house and the twine menders have started to mend the twine for the spring fishing. The herring catch at this end of the lake was a failure this fall and some of the boats did not catch fish enough to pay their fuel bills. This is the first time this condition has existed for a number of years, other catches of fish from trap and pound nets was way below normal, and, summing the situation up as a whole, it was the poorest fall for all classes of fishermen that we have had for a number of years.

### Bottom of Sea Shown.

A new exhibit showing a part of the bottom of the sea where the conditions of life are favorable to the existence of curious forms has just been installed in the Darwin Hall of the American Museum of Natural History. The locality shown is the Greater Harbor of Woods Hole, Mass., and in the upper part of the group may be seen the wharves of the United States Fish Commission in a colored glass transparency six feet in length. In the middle distance, on a similar transparency, is the grass covered spur of Devil's Foot, a small island at the harbor entrance. Below the surface of the water is a patch of eel grass and animal life to which such conditions are favorable.

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### Halibut at Portland.

Sch. John Hays Hammond is at Portland today with 12,000 pounds of halibut.



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## TWO CHATHAM SKIPPERS DEAD

Capt. Parker Nickerson died at his home at Chatham Saturday morning, aged 80. He was a native of Provincetown and was formerly master of fishing vessels from that port, but had resided at Chatham 53 years. He was in the grocery business for a long time.

Capt. Nickerson was well known among the traveling public of that locality, having run a line of coaches to the Chatham railroad station many years. He was a member of St. Martin's Lodge of Masons, of which he was formerly worshipful master, and was marshal and trustee at the time of his death. He leaves a son, E. P. Nickerson, and a daughter, Miss Mary B. Nickerson, both residing here.

Capt. George Bearse, formerly a successful master of fishing vessels from Chatham, also died Saturday morning, aged 66, after a brief illness. He leaves his wife, a son, George S. Bearse, and a daughter, Mrs. John H. Ryder.

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## NEWS FOR THE LAKE FISHERS

There were quite a few fresh fish sent out of Bay City last week to New York and Boston, but it was fish that had been taken out of ponds, and they are all cleaned up now. The fish were put in the ponds in November, and they came out in nice shape. It being a good fish week, they should bring good prices in New York and Boston for the Jewish trade. About 300 to 400 boxes were out last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The nets that were frozen in the ice last fall are still in the ice, and it is impossible, as yet, to get them out. Quite a few of them will be lost, and those they do find will not be worth much, considering the fact that when they get them they will be torn to pieces by the ice. The fishermen are now waiting for ice to put in the winter nets and to go out with the spears and hook and line, to get perch and pickerel.

St. James, Mich., December 24.—The whitefishing was good after the season opened. The tugs Margaret McCann, Shamrock and Little Meater made some fine lifts; as also did the gasoline boats. The weather was fine.

Pete McCafferty fished out of Charlevoix and made nice catches of whitefish.

The Booth tugs, C. Endress and E. M. B. H., went to Frankfort to winter fish. The perch fishing in the harbor is light; no chub fishing this fall.

Capt. Dan Martin is at Charlevoix, having his tug, Clara A. Elliott, overhauled and her boiler repaired.

Edward McCauley, who was fishing at High Island, came to St. James for supplies and was drowned at Gordon's dock, December 13.

Menominee, Mich., December 24.—Local conditions in regard to the salt fish situation remain unchanged. Dealers are offering \$2.35 delivered per half-barrel for salt herring, and most of the fishermen have sold their catch, although there are quite a few still holding for higher prices. The record catch for the bay was made by Hugh Beattie, Jr., who put up a total of 1077 kegs of flat herring, besides getting hundreds of pounds of whitefish, trout and perch.

## SCH. EUGENIA HAD IT HARD

Sch. Eugenia of this port has been obliged to put into Liverpool, N. S., for repairs, as the result of being caught in a heavy gale off Cape Sable Island, three days ago. The craft lost both anchors, sustained torn sails and other minor damage. She will make necessary repairs before resuming her trip.

## SALT COD FROM INGONISH C. B.

Sch. Essex Brings 310,000  
Pounds For the Gorton  
Pew Company.

One off shore arrival is here this morning, sch. Essex, nine days from Ingonish, C. B., bringing 310,000 pounds of salt cod for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

The gill netters landed about 60,000 pounds of fresh fish yesterday, 75 per cent. of which was pollock and the remainder haddock and cod. No real big lifts were made by any of the crafts, the fares for the most part being the average ones. Practically all the fish were shipped to the Boston market.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Steamer Ibsen, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Alice gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Quoddy, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 1700 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Rough Rider, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Nomad, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Venture, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Hugo, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Anna T., gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Evelyn H., gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Mary L., gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Water Witch, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Sawyer, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Mariner, gill netting, 2200 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Essex, Ingonish, C. B., 310,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Yankee, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Gov. Foss, haddocking.

Sch. Teazer, halibuting.

Sch. Margaret, halibuting.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.25, medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2 snappers, \$3.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Dory handlining codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.12 1-2; snappers, \$3.50.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Drift codfish, large, \$4.25; mediums, \$3.62 1-2.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Large salt mackerel, \$25 per bbl.

Fetched halibut, 10c per lb.

Salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.

Pickled herring, \$4.50 per bbl.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c; round 90c.  
Bank halibut, 17c lb. for white and for gray.  
Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl for bait.  
Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

### Both Known Here.

Two schooners which were bound for Halifax from St. John's, Newfoundland, were lost during last week's storms. In neither case, however, was there any loss of life. The sch. Minnie Pearl, after her crew had been taken off by a steamer. She carried a cargo of fish valued at \$10,000. The sch. Tasmania, also with a cargo of fish, was wrecked on the Newfoundland coast. Her crew escaped in boats.

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## ONLY 40,000 POUNDS FISH

At T Wharf Today and All  
Dealers Are Hungry  
for Them.

Fresh fish was pretty scarce at T wharf, Boston, this morning, the only receipts being two sailing crafts and one of the steam trawling fleet, which went, but a small way toward supplying the real needs of the market.

The steamer Spray brought in about 28,000 pounds of haddock, 6000 weight of scrod haddock, 400 pounds of cod and 800 weight of lemon sole. The other two were schs. Eva and Mildred and Matthew S. Greer from the shore with small trips.

Prices continued high, haddock selling at \$5.90 to \$6.25 a hundred weight, wholesale; large cod, \$6 to \$7, market cod, \$3.50 to \$4; hake, \$4 to \$7; and pollock, \$3.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Sch. Eva and Mildred, 1500 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 2700 haddock, 500 cod, 400 pollock.

Steamer Spray, 34,000 haddock, 490 cod, 800 lemon sole.

Haddock, \$5.90 to \$6.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$7; market cod, \$3.50 to \$4; hake, \$4 to \$7; pollock, \$3.

## THESE LOBSTERS HOLD RECORD

Two lobsters that are claimed to hold the world's record for size have just been mounted and placed on exhibition in the Museum of Natural History, New York.

The larger specimen weighed, when alive, 34 pounds and was nearly three feet long; the other one weighed 28 pounds. Both of these monster lobsters were caught off the Highlands of New Jersey, where they are said to have played havoc with the lobster traps, cutting holes in them and robbing them of all the bait, as their bodies were too large to get inside. Finally they were hauled up to the surface clinging to a trap.

The larger specimen showed many scars, evidently from savage combats.

### Salt Mackerel Situation.

There is only a small business doing in mackerel in the season of nuts and raisins, but conditions tend to greater firmness and more activity after the new year sets in, says the Fishing Gazette.

The report on Irish mackerel from the Dingle of December 10, states that 50,000 fish were landed during the previous week, of which about 35,000 were cured, the count being 300 to 360. Liverpool advices of December 14 reported shipments for week as 489 bbls., of which 389 went to Boston and 100 to Galveston. Total shipments to date Irish autumn, 21,197 bbls. Advices from the Dingle of the same date were received to the effect that there were practically no mackerel cured that week on account of stormy weather. The cabled report from Liverpool of December 21 stated that the fishing had been poor, and that the shipments that week only amounted to 100 barrels, all for Boston, the count being 350 to 400.

## MAINE'S CATCH OF BIG VALUE

Interesting Report Is Made  
by State Fish Commission-  
er James Donahue.

The fisheries of Maine's nine coast counties reached the total of \$5,954,000 for the year ending December 1, according to Commissioner James Donahue of Rockland, whose biennial report was today forwarded to the State Department. The total, as compared with \$5,863,000 for the previous year, shows a growth of nearly \$2,000,000 since 1907.

These figures take no account of fish caught for home consumption or sold without the wardens' knowledge.

Lobsters again take precedence, the value of the catch as reported to the wardens, being \$2,041,000. This represents about 18,000,000 pounds. Knox was easily the banner county, and the shipments from Rockland largely exceeded those of any other port.

Second in importance was the herring catch, which, while smaller than the previous year, reached a total of nearly \$1,300,000. Ground fish passed the \$1,000,000 mark. From the realms of the humble clam flats came bivalves sold for \$768,303. Reports that clams are nearly extinct are given the lie by this year's figures, which show the value of the catch to be \$100,000 more than in 1911.

The value of the scallop fisheries was \$225,574, but this includes the record catches made in December, 1911, while the present December, which goes into the 1913 records, was the poorest month the fishermen have known for some years, due to the mysterious disappearance of these shellfish from the Monroe Island beds, near Rockland. The total number of pounds caught in the past year was 1,875,000, Boston and New York being the chief markets.

The value of the salmon fisheries, to which Commissioner Donahue is now paying special attention, reached \$30,000. In the Orland hatchery are eggs from which it is expected 3,000,000 small salmon will be liberated in the Penobscot River the coming season. The alewife fisheries also hatched a value of \$30,000.

The movement originating in Portland for a 9-inch lobster law in place of the present 10 1-2 inch law, will not succeed in the coming session of the Legislature, in the opinion of Commissioner Donahue.

"Where I have found one fisherman or dealer who favors the 9-inch law, I find 10 who favor the present system," said Mr. Donahue to the Globe correspondent. "Advocates of the change admit that it will hurt the supply."

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### Fulton Fish Market Notes.

Last week was a remarkably good one in the salt-water fish market. Wholesale commission men say that seldom, if ever before, have they witnessed such a demand for fish during Christmas week as existed during the present one. There was plenty of fish in the market, and prices were satisfactory from a buying standpoint.

Market codfish was low in price during the entire week. Three cents per pound was the low price, and 4 1-2c the top figure.

The quotation on steak cod was 8 to 10c per pound.

Haddock brought 5c per pound during the entire week.

Western white halibut was quoted at 16c per pound on Saturday, and 18c during the remainder of the week.

Hake was sold at 4 to 6c per pound. The bulk of the sales were made at 5c.

There was no change during the week in the price of pollock—3c being the quotation.

### Big Work.

With the practical closure of the season it is said that not in recent years and probably not before in the history of the port of Portland have so many smelts been landed at the wharves as there have been during the one just ending. According to the figures compiled, the total amount caught for the season to date was 151,400 pounds.